

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING AND PREFILE TESTIMONY DEADLINES

DOCKET NO. 2015-54-E

Petition of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company for Approval to Participate in a Distributed Energy Resource Program

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G or the Company) has filed a Petition for Approval to Participate in a Distributed Energy Resource (DER) program and for recovery of DER program costs as a separate component of the Company's overall fuel factor. The Petition was filed pursuant to the provisions of the South Carolina Distributed Energy Resource Program Act (DERPA), Act No. 236 of 2014 codified as S.C. Code Ann. Sections 58-39-110, et seq. and pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-865(A)(1). The Petition states that SCE&G's DER Program is structured to satisfy the requirements of S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-39-130(C) by developing no later than December 31, 2020, renewable energy facilities within South Carolina with an aggregate amount of installed nameplate generation capacity equal to at least two percent of the previous five-year average of SCE&G's retail peak demand (Five-Year Demand), which is currently 84.5 megawatts.

SCE&G evaluated multiple types of renewable energy resources listed in paragraph seven of the Petition and determined that solar photovoltaic generation facilities currently represent the most cost effective, practical and reliable DER that can be deployed within SCE&G's system to meet the energy and reliability needs of its customers. SCE&G states that it will continue to monitor and evaluate additional types of renewable energy resources and other forms of DER program offerings for potential inclusion in its DER program when implementation would be consistent with DERPA, and SCE&G will propose including additional types of renewable energy resources in its DER program offerings as circumstances permit.

SCE&G's Summary of Projected Renewable Energy Program Costs, as outlined is Exhibit A of the Petition, is as follows:

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total Projected Renewable Energy Program Costs	\$1,971,828	\$4,845,765	\$5,927,655	\$7,072,149	\$8,175,397	\$9,185,863

S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-39-150 provides, in part, that the Commission must not approve a DER plan in which the total incremental costs to be incurred by an electrical utility and recovered from the electrical utility's South Carolina retail customer classes exceeds the following annual amounts per number of accounts for costs that are incurred on or after January 1, 2014: residential: \$12; commercial: \$120; and industrial: \$1200.

In sum, SCE&G requests, in part, the following relief from the Commission: approve the Company's proposed DER Plan and the Initial Phase of that plan and the costs and investments; approve the inclusion of the Cayce and North Charleston DER projects with SCE&G's DER Plan; authorize SCE&G to extend the benefits of the DER Solar Photovoltaic Generation Purchase Rate and Special DER Solar Photovoltaic Generation Purchase Rate to customers who install qualifying DER on or after January 1, 2015; allow the Company to make certain accounting transactions as outlined in the Petition; and authorize the Company to include in its base rate component for fuel costs specific dollar amounts per customer account per month that are reasonably forecasted to be sufficient to recover the incremental

costs of the Company's DER program in conformity with S.C. Code Ann. Sections 58-27-865(A)(1); 58-39-140; and 58-40-20(F)(6), said amounts to be reviewed and included in base rates for fuel at the time of the Company's 2016 annual review of base rates for fuel costs.

A copy of the company's application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2015-54-E. Additionally, a copy of the application is available from K. Chad Burgess, Esquire and Matthew W. Gissendanner, Esquire, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, Mail Code C222, 220 Operation Way, Cayce, South Carolina 29033 and Belton T. Zeigler, Esquire, Pope Zeigler, LLC, P. O. Box 11509, Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on **Tuesday, June 02, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., and continuing to June 3rd and 4th, and further continued after these dates, if necessary,** before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210 for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence from all interested parties.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **April 23, 2015**. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2015-54-E and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket.*** Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **April 23, 2015**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2015-54-E.***

INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD (Applicant, Petitioners, and Intervenors only): All Parties of Record must prefile testimony with the Commission and with all parties of record. Prefiled Testimony Deadlines: Applicant's **Direct Testimony** Due: **4/16/2015**; Other Parties of Record **Direct Testimony** Due: **5/7/2015**; Applicant's **Rebuttal Testimony** Due: **5/14/2015**; and Other Parties of Record **Surrebuttal Testimony** Due: **5/21/2015**. All Prefiled Testimony Deadlines are subject to the information as posted on www.psc.sc.gov under ***Docket No. 2015-54-E.***

For the most recent information regarding this docket, including changes in scheduled dates included in this Notice, please refer to www.psc.sc.gov and ***Docket No. 2015-54-E.***

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments in person to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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